



E-NEWS

FALL 2017



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Visitors are really loving the recently created open area within the museum. If you have not seen it yet, drop in to have a game of chess or checkers. Until the end of February we also have a selection of Chinese games available to try out. We even have Chinese music playing softly in the background! Bring a book, a sketch book, or a friend and relax in our comfy chairs or play your favorite songs on one of our pianos.



GOLD MOUNTAIN DREAM! TRAVELING EXHIBIT HAS ARRIVED



The Gold Mountain Dream! exhibition explores how the gold rush not only changed the landscapes and lives in BC, but how this monumental event changed China, as people flocked to a rugged land in search of fortune.

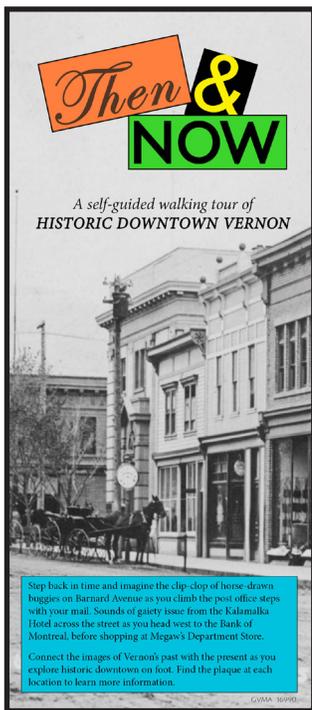
Gold Mountain Dream! – created by the Royal BC Museum in collaboration with the Canadian Museum of History – tells the personal stories and sacrifices of Chinese migrants in the 1850s as they landed on British Columbia shores in search of gold. It is a fascinating account of adventure, heartbreak and social upheaval.

Through archival photographs and detailed storytelling, Gold Mountain Dream! shares the story of how everything changed during this fevered era, as class and racial barriers were broken down and people seized the extraordinary opportunities that glittered before them.

In addition to the exhibit, we are collecting stories from local residents who have memories of Vernon's Chinatown. If you have stories to share, please write them down in our book found at the entrance to the Gold Mountain Dream! exhibit.

This traveling exhibition will be at the museum until Feb. 24, 2018.

THEN & NOW BROCHURE - NOW AVAILABLE!



We are very excited to announce the *Then & Now: A self-guided walking tour of Historic Downtown Vernon* brochure is now available at the museum. Drop by to pick one up and take a self-guided tour of historic Downtown Vernon.

This project was funded in part by the Government of Canada. Thank you to the Government of Canada and also to the following organizations for making this project possible: Downtown Vernon Association, Allan Brooks Nature Centre, Social Planning Council of the North Okanagan, and RespectFEST.



Look for these recently refurbished plaques on our historic downtown buildings.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE CAP PROGRAM



The museum is now registered as an attraction with the Cultural Access Pass (CAP) which gives pass holders and up to four dependents complimentary admission to the museum.

New Canadian citizens are eligible for the pass, that provides free admission during their first year of citizenship to more than 1,300 of Canada's premier cultural attractions and discounts on travel.

Not only are we a CAP attraction, but also a CAP pick-up location for those applying for a Cultural Access Plan.

RE-ORG

We are happy to announce the museum has been accepted into an internationally recognized training initiative designed to maximize and enhance artifact storage in small museums.

RE-ORG Canada is presented by the Canadian Conservation Institute and is based on the RE-ORG methodology for reorganizing museum storage facilities.

When museum storage areas are full, there is an increased risk that key pieces of our history will be lost as museums turn them away, or be damaged, as museums try to accommodate as many items as possible in inadequate storage.

The RE-ORG philosophy doesn't advocate building or acquiring new storage facilities. Their methodology promotes the effective use of existing space to ensure pieces are accessible and protected and that public access to the museum's collection is enhanced.

Director/Curator Tracy Satin and Registrar/Curatorial Assistant Jesslyn Jarvis will be working on this year-long project that has been graciously funded by the Regional District of the North Okanagan.



NATURE'S FARE



Do you shop at Nature's Fare? If so, keep your receipts and drop them off at the museum. We are a part of Nature's Fare's 3% Club. Through this program Nature's Fare Markets donates 3% of the total receipts submitted, back to the museum.

In order to maximize this fundraising opportunity we need your help! All money raised will go to support the museum and its programs. If you have any questions about this program please contact Denise Marsh at denise_marshall@vernonmuseum.ca or call 250-542-3142.

WELCOME TO ARCHIVES INTERN CHRISTIE!



We are thrilled to introduce you to our new Archives Intern Christie Waltham. Christie is here on a four month internship, ending in January 2018. She comes to us with a Master Degree in Archival Studies from UBC and experience working in archives at UBC and New Westminster, with her most recent employment being in records management at BC Hydro.

Christie's largest project has been working on the Powerhouse Theatre records, organizing and entering descriptions into our database for the thousands of Powerhouse Theatre photos in our collection. Writing text and finding new photos to include in our revised "Valley of Dreams" has also been keeping her busy.

COLLECTION HIGHLIGHT

Suona

The suona is a Chinese double reeded wood wind instrument. It creates a distinctive, loud and high-pitched sound. With it, a skilled player can produce clear, bright notes resembling bird-calls. One of the most famous suona pieces is called 'Hundred Birds Paying Homage to the Phoenix'.

It has long been used in traditional Chinese music ensembles and folk rituals but the suona likely originated in Central Asia alongside similar instruments as the sorna, surnay and zurna, from Central Asia. The shawm, a European instrument, is derived from the suona.

This particular instrument came from Vernon's Chinatown and is on display in the Greater Vernon Museum and Archives' Gold Mountain Dream Exhibit alongside other Chinese musical instruments.

If you'd like to see the suona in person, drop in to the museum anytime before the Gold Mountain Dream! exhibit ends, February 24th, 2018.

Artifact Number: 1970.015.010



MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP

We realize that our membership program has been a little confusing over the last year or so as we transitioned into a non-profit society and dissolved the Friends of the Museum. The good news is you can now re-new or join us as a member of the museum. We have made some additions and changes to the member benefits to show our appreciation to you! Have a look and if you're not sure if you are due to renew, just give us a call or email and we can let you know.



Thank You for Your Support!

The primary objective of the **Greater Vernon Museum and Archives** is to educate community members, researchers and visitors, in an interesting and dynamic way, on the varied history and heritage of the Greater Vernon area. Artifact and archival collections are strategically assembled to accurately, and authentically, reflect the activities, interests and vibrancy of the people and natural history of the region. We pride ourselves in serving the interests of all our local and surrounding communities, and those visiting, by carrying out these functions in a manner that is enlightening and innovative, while maintaining highest museum standards.

We Are Happy To Offer The Following Membership Benefits!

• Museum Memento	• 15% Discount on Events and Programs
• Special Invitation to Exhibition Openings	• Priority Registration for Events and Programs
• 20% Discount at Museum Gift Shop	• Museum Newsletter
• 15% Discount on Archival Research Services	• Supporter-only emails with advance notice of exhibitions, programs, events, and special offers
• 15% Discount on Digital Archival Photographs	

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RECENT PHOTO ACQUISITION

A recent donation into the archives brought to light some photos relating to a protest held by Vernon school students in 1971.

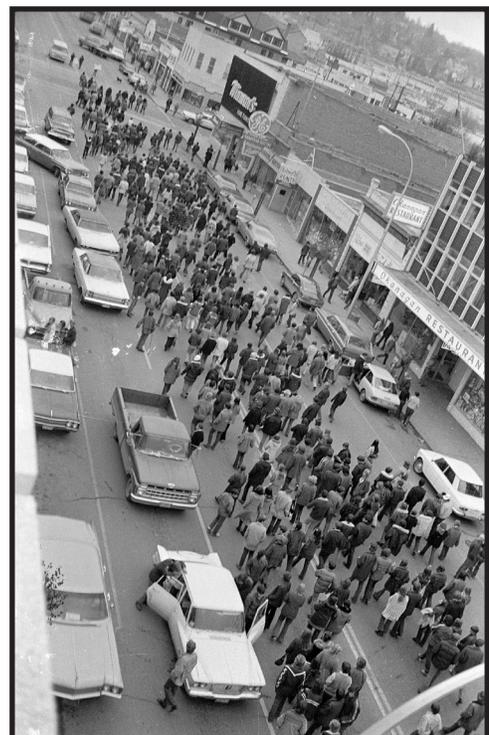
During the Cold War, Amchitka Island in Alaska was selected by the United States Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) to be the site for underground detonations of nuclear weapons. Three such tests were carried out: Long Shot, an 80-kiloton (330 TJ) blast in 1965; Milrow, a 1-megaton (4.2 PJ) blast in 1969; and Cannikin in 1971 – at 5 Mt (21 PJ), the largest underground test ever conducted by the United States. The tests were highly controversial, with environmental groups fearing that the Cannikin explosion, in particular, would cause severe earthquakes and tsunamis. In September and October of 1969, protesters were demonstrating against the testing in Vancouver. Protestors held “Don’t Make a Wave” signs as they blockaded traffic at the Peace Arch Park among other locations. On November 3, 1971, approximately 1,000 of Vernon’s young people protested the Amchitka testing. Students came together from Vernon Senior Secondary, W.L. Seaton Junior Secondary and Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary. They marched from Seaton School to Fulton School and the Vernon Senior Secondary School, to the court house for some chanting and speeches, to city hall and finally to the highway sit-in and back to the court house.

In an interview with Sgt. R.M. Crookshank of the Vernon RCMP, he expressed regret that the event was not organized. “They were just wandering around,” he said. “It was a spontaneous group of organized confusion.” Vernon News, November 4, 1971.

Although the campaigners had failed to stop Operation Cannikin on November 6, 1971 the strong opposition may have prevented the AEC from continuing their planned tests on Amchitka. In February 1972, the AEC announced that they were abandoning the Amchitka test site because of “political and other reasons.” Amchitka is no longer used for nuclear testing. It is still monitored for the leakage of radioactive materials.



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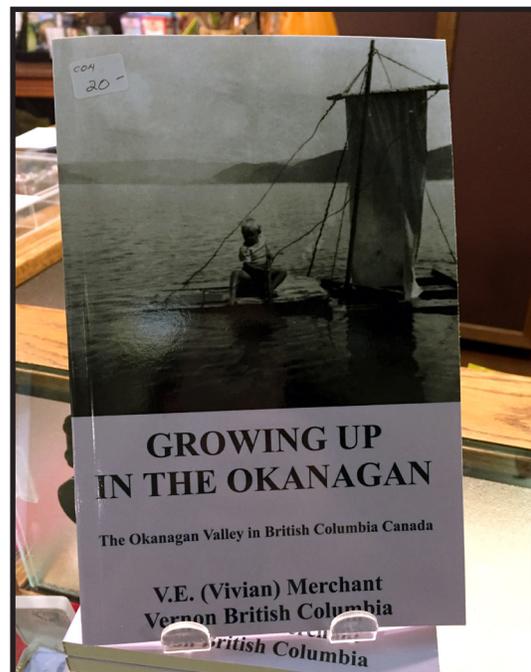
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NEW PRODUCTS IN THE GIFT SHOP



New in the Gift Shop is a number of gift ideas for the little ones on your list. Large kaleidoscopes, gold diggers, and dinofizz toys are all inexpensive gifts.

Vivian Merchant's new book, *Growing Up in the Okanagan* is also now available. A great gift for someone who has grown up here or for those who didn't but are curious about what it was like.



SPECIAL EVENTS – RESPECTFEST

DOWNTOWN VERNON MURAL & HISTORY RESPECT TOURS

RespectFEST, hosted by the Downtown Vernon Association, Social Planning and Allan Brooks Nature Centre celebrated respect and diversity in the North Okanagan as part of Canada's 150th Birthday. The museum took part in this week long celebration in a big way. We hosted two different tours as well as participated in the Multicultural Celebration to wrap up RespectFEST.

The Downtown Vernon Mural & History Respect Tours were offered over two days and saw large crowds take advantage of this free educational tour lead by Gabe. Special to these tours were the addition of some of the recently refurbished historical plaques.



September 19 & 22, 2017

ARCHIVES BEHIND THE SCENES RESPECT TOURS



September 21, 2017



Barb and volunteer Trish also offered two Archives Behind the Scenes Respect tours. These also saw good attendance and those that came were highly engaged and impressed by our Archives and Research Library.

MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION



September 23, 2017

At the Multicultural Celebration volunteer Cathy Shultz and Denise oversaw the ball and cup toy craft making table and spoke with numerous festival attendees about their ancestry, and answered questions. A wonderful wrap-up to the week long RespectFEST activities!



CULTURE DAYS

FIELD SCHOOL: DOGBANE ROPE MAKING WORKSHOP

As part of Culture Days, Ruby Alexis offered a Dogbane Rope Making Workshop. This workshop was highly popular with a number of people having to be placed on a wait list for a possible additional workshop in the future. Despite the rather nasty weather, participants enjoyed learning how to source and create their own rope.

October 1, 2017

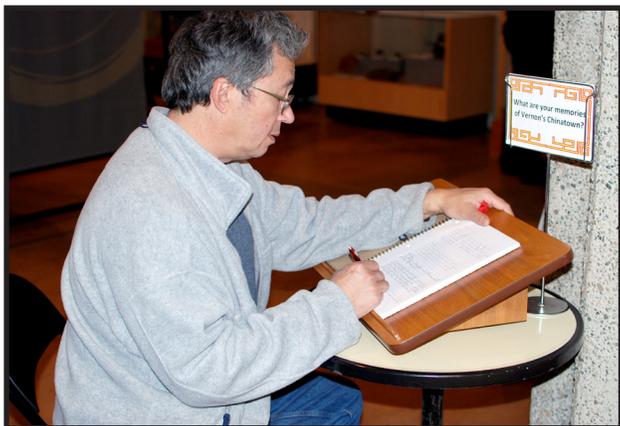


GOLD MOUNTAIN DREAM! MEMBER OPENING

To celebrate the arrival of the traveling exhibit Gold Mountain Dream! from the Royal BC Museum, we hosted a members only opening with delicious Chinese food donated by a number of local Chinese restaurants. Special thanks to Janice who gave the opening remarks in Mandarin on behalf of the local Chinese community, and to Lina Cai who compiled the traditional Chinese background music we enjoyed throughout the evening. It was so nice to see so many members out!



October 18, 2017



HALLOWEEN MAGIC SHOW

Many families are making our Halloween Magic Show a Halloween tradition. Clad in their best costumes, kids and their parents crammed in to catch one of two of Leif David's sold out spooky magic shows. As usual Leif included lots of humor and audience participation throughout the shows.

Afterwards, kids also had the opportunity to trick-or-treat our old town shops and enjoy looking around the museum.

Thanks to Leif, all our wonderful volunteers and staff and everyone who came out to make this such a fun-filled event. We'd also like to show our appreciation to Lisa VanderVelde and Wayne Emde for the front page photo in the Vernon Morning Star and the second page photo in the Daily Courier.

This year to add to the Halloween fun we included a family pumpkin decorating contest. It was so much fun to see all the creatively decorated pumpkins that were entered in the contest. The judges sure had a difficult time choosing a winner, however, we're happy to announce our winners are the Frost family! They received a family pass to the H2O Centre in Kelowna as well as dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory.



WAYNE EMDE, Special to The Daily Courier
A magical morning
 Olivia Hendry, left, acts as the assistant to West Kelowna magician Leif David as he entertains a full house during the first of two shows at the Vernon Museum and Archives on Saturday morning.

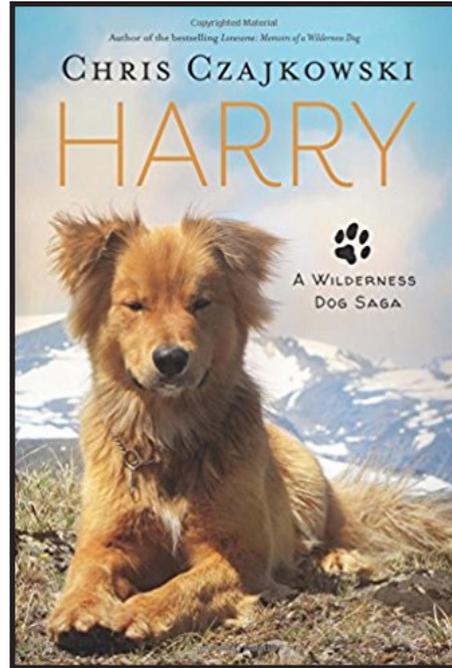


October 28, 2017



"HARRY" PRESENTATION & BOOK SIGNING

AMAZING!!! The sold out presentation and book signing for Chris Czajkowski's "Harry: A Wilderness Survival Saga" saw our largest crowd to date for a book signing at the museum with 80 in attendance. Chris kept the audience entranced with her slide show and wit. A highlight for many was meeting Chris and her dogs following the presentation.



October 25, 2017



GHOST TOURS OF VERNON



I guess when you host only two Ghost Tours rather than the usual seven, those same people all squish into the two tours. Gabe had a monstrous crowd of 168 attend his 7pm tour and a more manageable 29 show up for the 9pm. Regardless of the size, the participants loved every minute of it!

October 30, 2017

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

SVEVAFEST EXHIBIT EXTENDED!

Due to the popularity of the recent SvevaFEST exhibition on Sveva and her life in our Allan Brooks Gallery we have decided to extend this exhibit until December 23rd, 2017.

We will also be showing the 1983 film of Sveva discussing her Recapitulation Series on Wednesdays only from 12:00pm -1:30pm at the museum.



COMMUNITY DISPLAY CASE "A TATTING TALE" DISPLAY

Do you have an idea for our Community Display Case? If you have a story that you would like to tell and/or sentimental item(s) that you are not quite ready to donate but would like to see on display, please contact the Curator at curator@veronmuseum.ca.

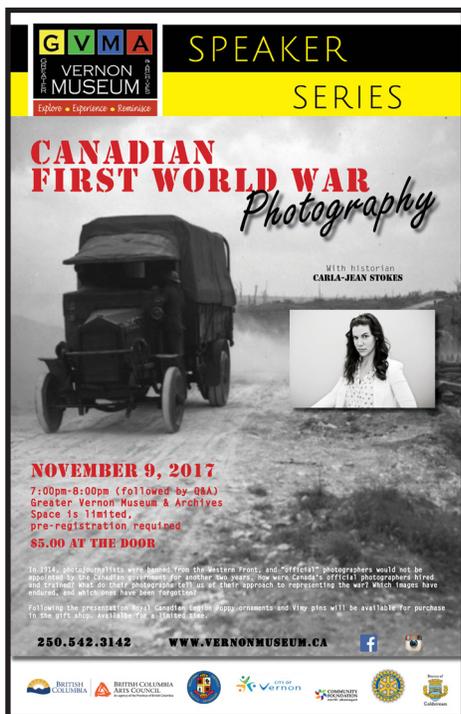
First to be featured is Frances Bennett with her "A Tatting Tale" display. Frances learned to tat when she was just 8 years old, producing three large pieces by the age of seventeen. She entered these pieces in the IPE in 1941 and 1942 but due to a Polio outbreak at the time she was unable to attend.



UPCOMING EVENTS

CANADIAN FIRST WORLD WAR PHOTOGRAPHY PRESENTATION

Join historian Carla-Jean Stokes for a talk on Canadian First World War Photography at the Greater Vernon Museum and Archives next Speaker Series, Thursday November 9th from 7pm to 8pm. In 1914, photojournalists were banned from the Western Front, and “official” photographers would not be appointed by the Canadian government for another two years. How were Canada’s official photographers hired and trained? What do their photographs tell us of their approach to representing the war? Which images have endured, and which ones have been forgotten? Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Cost is \$5.00/person at the door. For more information please contact the museum at 250-542-3142, visit www.vernonmuseum.ca or find us on facebook.



For a limited time only, the Gift Shop will be selling Royal Canadian Legion poppy ornaments and Vimy pins.

SHOPARAMA HOLIDAY GIFT SALE



The Gift Shop will once again have a booth at Shoparama. If you can't make it into the museum this coming holiday season, come see us in the Dogwood gym of the Vernon Recreation Centre Saturday December 2nd from 10am-7pm or Sunday December 3rd from 10am - 5pm.



CHRISTMAS HIGH TEA

Back by popular demand is our Christmas High Tea! Join us Sunday December 10th from 2:00pm - 4:00pm to sip tea and enjoy decadent desserts and good conversation. Once again we will be graced by the



musical talents of Sally Evans and Molly Boyd. Our Best Hat Contest is also returning. Find or make a festive hat for this grand affair!

Tickets will be available soon at the museum.



A FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS (HANUKKAH CELEBRATION)



Thursday December 14th from 5:30pm -6:30pm come and delight in Hanukkah festivities at the museum. Activities include building your own Menorah, a giant 6ft Menorah display, and free raffle. Enjoy traditional Hanukkah latkes and jelly donuts and Hanukkah music, as well as traditional Hanukkah gelt for the kids. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Many thanks to the following contributors for their continued support of the Vernon Museum and its In-Spot Museums.

